

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 20, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BALDWIN made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 172.]

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It appears, however, that it was never paid by that officer to the petitioner, nor has any credit ever been given to him for such payment on the books of the department; on the contrary, a suit is now pending against the surveyor general and his sureties on his official bond, for the recovery of the amount so advanced, with other items, for which he is claimed to be in default to the government. The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

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That the sum of \$87 50, the payment of which was refused at the Treasury Department, in consequence of its having been advanced to the then surveyor general of Louisiana, for the purpose of being paid over to the petitioner, be paid to him.